MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The *Ichira* has been inspected and a preliminary report submitted by the Division Officer, Kottayam. On account of financial stringency, further action could not be taken.

Retrenchment in expenditure.

263. ✻**MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent to which the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been given effect to ; and

(*b*) why the other recommendations were not accepted by Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to G. O. No. Fl. 1352, dated the 19th July 1933, and annexures to the Final Report of the Retrenchment Committee, 1931, a copy of which has already been furnished to the member.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that the Government has not bestowed any consideration on the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are considering several of the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know what proposals are under the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The standardisation of the salaries of officers, the creation of a common cadre of officers and the recommendations of the Public Service Recruitment Commmittee, which include, I believe, some proposals for retrenchment.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Am I to understand that none of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee for reducing the expenditure has received the consideration of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The G. O. referred to does contain the recommendations acted upon by Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Since the date of the G. O. ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Since then no.

Statement by casts of clerks etc., in the Judicial Department.

264. ✻**MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to give a statement by caste showing :

(*a*) the number of clerks in the Judicial Department of the State,

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